

## **News Release**

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## Corps of Engineers Considers Archery Hunts at Crane's Mill and Comal Parks

The Corps of Engineers at Canyon Lake is considering the implementation of an archery-only deer hunt at Crane's Mill and Comal Parks.

Park personnel and personnel from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department report that there is an overpopulation of deer in the parks, which could eventually cause malnutrition and ultimately starvation.

Permitted hunting would help reduce the population and protect the resource while providing public hunting opportunities, and the hunts would be coordinated so as to have minimal impact on current park operations.

For the past three hunting seasons, the bowhunting program at Canyon Lake has been held at Canyon Park in coordination with biologists from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. During this time, approximately 100 deer have been removed from the park.

At this time, the Corps is requesting public comments concerning the proposed archery hunts at these parks. This is an opportunity for the public to comment on resource management issues and provide suggestions to the Corps.

Written comments may be sent to the following address by Friday, August 3, 2000: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Canyon Lake Office, ATTN: Bradley Campbell, 601 COE Rd., Canyon Lake, Texas 78133.

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